Admission requirements for MAT programs include:

1. A baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited university;

2. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale);

3. Passing scores* on the PRAXIS Pre-Professional Skills tests-Reading, Writing, Math; (an earned Master’s degree, an Act composite score of at least 22, or a SAT combined verbal and math score of at least 1030 will substituted for passing PPST scores)

4. Passing scores on the PRAXIS content specific examinations in your teaching area and grade level-
   a. Candidates for Grades PK-3: pass the Elementary Education: Content Knowledge specialty exam (#0014)
   b. Candidates for Grades 1-5 (regular education and mild/moderate special education): pass the Elementary Education: Content Knowledge specialty exam (#0014)
   c. Candidates for Grades 4-8 (regular education and mild/moderate special education): pass a Middle School content specialty exam (choose from: Math #0069; English/Language Arts #0049; Science #0439; Social Studies #0089);
   d. Candidates for Grades 6-12 (regular education and mild/moderate special education): pass a secondary subject-specific examination(s) for the content area in which they seek certification. See list of PRAXIS tests required in Louisiana at http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/tsac/613.html.

5. Candidates must successfully complete a one-year internship in the PREP program; for the Professional Studies program, candidates may choose between one semester of student teaching or a one-year internship.

6. Candidates in PREP must present a passing score on the PRAXIS II pedagogy test in order to complete certification.

7. Candidates in the Professional Studies program must present a passing score on the PRAXIS II pedagogy test prior to enrollment in an internship or student teaching.

8. Candidates who are not eligible for retention in one alternate certification program may not transfer to another alternate certification program at Northwestern.

No final grade below a “C” will be accepted in any course required for teacher certification.